



Thumb MRI

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*A Coalition of
Thumb Area Hospitals:*

Caro Community Hospital

*Hills and Dales
General Hospital*

Huron Medical Center

Marlette Community Hospital

McKenzie Memorial Hospital

Scheurer Hospital

*Managed by:
American Diagnostic Medicine*

Thumb MRI Center, LLC

Thumb MRI Center, LLC ("Thumb MRI") was approved to provide fixed Magnetic Resonance Imaging ("MRI") services under CON No. 96-0197 and has provided access to MRI services to a rural community for eight years.

Thumb MRI is a joint venture between American Diagnostic Medicine, Inc. and six rural community hospitals including Huron Medical Center, Hills and Dales General Hospital, Caro Community Hospital, Scheurer Hospital, McKenzie Memorial Hospital and Marlette Community Hospital.

The Center provides MRI services to a rural population with a state of the art high field magnet. Thumb MRI operates a Toshiba Vantage XGV 1.5T ultra-short magnet that features SPEEDER technology. This technology supports high-speed imaging, allowing high-quality diagnostic information to be acquired in a short scanning time. The patient-friendly MRI system allows for a larger variety of patients exams while accommodating most patient sizes.

Thumb MRI has interest in expanding the Center by adding an additional MRI unit. There is a need for a larger more open design magnet for patients needing a MRI who either do not fit in our current magnet or are very claustrophobic. Patients from this rural area would have to drive in some cases up to two hours to reach a facility with a suitable MRI scanner.

Thumb MRI requests your consideration of maintaining the 1.4 multiplier consistently for all applicants.

Thank you for your time.

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